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MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-First Annual Session
OF THE
Judson Baptist Association
HELD WITH THE
Fellowship Baptist Church
September 11, 12, 13, 1923



OFFICERS
ELDER W. G. GRAY, Moderator
J. C. RAPER, Clerk
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NEXT PLACE OF MEETING
Mantachie Missionary Baptist Church, on Tuesday After
the Second Sunday in September, 1924

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Seventy-First Annual Session
OF THE
JUDSON ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
Fellowship, Lee County, Mississippi
September 11, 12, 13, 1923

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday after the Second Lord's Day in September, 1924,
 with the Church at Mantachie, Itawamba
 County, Mississippi.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Elder W. G. GRAY, Moderator	Dorsey, Miss.
J. C. RAPER, Clerk	Guntown, Miss.
T. R. NICHOLS, Treasurer	Ratliff, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. M. BOOTH,	Cleburn, Texas
G. S. RABURN, D. R. RAPER,	Ratliff, Miss.
W. S. GRAY, E. A. SANDLIN, J. B. LODEN,	Dorsey, Miss.
W. W. JARREL,	Fulton, Miss.
W. O. THORNLEY,	Saltillo, Miss.
FRANK HOBSON,	Guntown, Miss.
J. R. G. GREGORY,	Mooreville, Miss.
R. E. TOOK,	Baldwyn, Miss.

LICENTIATES

W. D. CAYSON, D. T. MARSHBANKS, J. E. EDGE,
 BURT EDGE

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Judson Baptist Association met in its Seventy-First Annual Session with the Church at Fellowship, Lee County, Mississippi, September 11, 12, and 13, 1923.

Introductory sermon by Elder W. G. Gray; text, Psalm 19:13; Theme, "The Great Transgression."

The Association adjourned until one o'clock.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

The Association came together by singing. Prayer by Elder M. D. Seago.

Elder D. R. Raper and Brother L. E. Skinner were appointed reading clerks.

The roll of the churches was called and messengers enrolled as follows:

Cacy Creek—Brethren J. T. Barrett, Luke Chittom, B. C. Magers and E. W. Handcock.

Ballardsville—Brethren G. W. Ballard, S. W. Priddy, and C. C. Clayton.

Liberty—D. L. Riddings, D. M. Brown, Jessie Owings, with Newt. Owens, alternate.

Fellowship—W. J. Sandlin, Clay Jackson, Eli Bynum, and George McKissack.

Tombigbee—Elder G. S. Raburn, R. Houston, H. D. Hodges, L. J. Thomas, alternate.

Mantachie—J. B. Grimes, S. H. Turner, W. D. Riggs, W. D. Morris.

Patliff—Elder D. R. Raper, W. C. Nichols, A. E. Hilliard, T. R. Nichols, alternate.

Providence—Elder W. J. Thornley, J. R. McDonald, James Thornly, J. S. Owings, alternate.

Hopewell—Elder W. G. Gray, A. E. Sandlin, Sister Eunice Gray, M. M. Gray, F. E. Wallace, and E. H. Moore, alternate.

Sandy Springs—S. M. Weatherford, L. M. Thomas, W. A. Johnson, J. H. Ivy, and W. M. Spencer, alternate.

Friendship—W. L. Barnett, D. P. Magers, Hoy Herring, Holbert Barnett, alternate.

Unity—Elder F. Hobson, W. M. Gillentine, J. C. Raper, with J. T. Mears, alternate.

On motion the Association entered into permanent or-

ganization.

Brethren Judson Morris and T. R. Nichols were appointed tellers of election. Result: Elder W. G. Gray, elected Moderator; J. C. Raper, Clerk; and T. R. Nichols, Treasurer.

The following were appointed on the Committee of Arrangements: Elder W. O. Thornby, W. M. Gillentine, and S. Houston.

The Moderator called for Petitionary letters. Mt. Joy and Mt. Gilead Baptist churches presented letters which were read and said churches, by motion, were received and messengers seated, as follows:

Mt. Joy—J. C. Hubbard, Sister J. C. Hubbard, J. C. Samples, with Sister Ada Samples, alternate.

Mt. Gilead—John Stocton, H. D. Woodly, L. E. Skinner.

The Devotional Committee announced by the Moderator, is as follows: Brethren Luke Chittom, Perry Magers, J. C. Samples, with Deacons of Fellowship church.

On motion, visitors, Elder M. D. Seago, from Sardis, and daughter, Clara Seago, from Mt. Gilead and Sister Lora Adams from Mt. Gilead, were seated with us.

The Committee on Arrangements reported same order of business as last year.

On motion speeches were limited to five minutes with three minutes for the second speech on each subject.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Sustentation—Elder D. R. Raper, D. M. Brown and L. E. Skinner.

Temperance—Jim Young, G. W. Ballard, James Thornby.

Fraternal Dead—W. M. Gillentine, W. L. Barnett, Cliff Nichols.

Music—Elder D. R. Raper, J. C. Hubbard, Sister Eunice Gray, and Sister Ada Samples.

Ministerial Education—S. W. Hancock, J. R. McDonald, and Jessie Owings.

Ministerial Support—M. M. Gray, T. R. Nichols, W. J. Sandlin and S. W. Priddy.

Report of Committee on Sustentation

We find Brother and Sister A. J. Herring in destitute condition. We are taught by God's Word to aid, visit, and contribute to the support of widows, orphans and the needy. We recommend that each church look after same in their immediate territory.

D. R. RAPER
D. M. BROWN
L. E. SKINNER

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After remarks the above report was adopted.

The Devotional Committee reported that Elder D. R. Raper preach Tuesday night, Elder F. Hobson Wednesday, and Elder Van B. Hill Wednesday night.

On motion, Elder D. R. Raper was excused from preaching Tuesday night.

The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

Benediction by R. E. Tooke.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association came together pursuant to adjournment by singing. Prayer by Elder G. S. Raburn.

Minutes of Tuesday were read and after being amended, were adopted.

The letter from Bethel Church was handed in and messengers enrolled as follows:

Tracy Bean, R. S. Sheffield, J. C. Conner, J. M. Tackett, Johnnie Grissom, Huley Farrar, alternate.

The letter from Oak Grove was handed in and messengers enrolled as follows: J. M. Young, W. H. Liegh, Johnnie Grissom, Huley Farrar, alternate.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Associational Missions—Elder G. S. Raburn, Sister J. C. Hubbard, B. C. Magers, W. A. Johnson.

Church Discipline—A. E. Sandlin, H. D. Hodges, Eli Bynum.

Sunday Schools—Elder W. O. Thornley, Huley Farrar, and Clay Jackson.

Publications—Elder F. Hobson, A. E. Hilliard, H. D. Woodley.

Finance—L. E. Skinner, C. C. Clayton, L. M. Thomas, D. P. Magers.

Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning—Elder G. S. Raburn, W. M. Gillentine, J. T. Barrett, George McKissack.

Missions—Elder F. Hobson, M. M. Gray, D. R. Raper, and John Stocton.

Orphanage—R. S. Sheffield, W. O. Thornley and W. H. Leigh.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report:

Report on Temperance

"Since the Bible teaches us to live temperate lives, we earnestly insist on the children of God living temperate lives daily.

"Proverbs 23rd Chapter, teaches Temperance in eating; 1st Corinthians, 9th chapter, 25th verse, teaches Temperance in all things; Ephesians, 5th chapter, 18th verse, admonishes us to live sober lives, hence we should not take strong drinks at all since one drink intoxicates in some degree. Gallatians 5:23 teaches that the fruits of the Spirit are meekness, temperance. Against such there is no law.

"Since the churches have laws or rules to govern them, we recommend that the churches use strict discipline on any member that indulges or favors intoxicating liquors in any form.

J. M. YOUNG
J. S. THORNLEY
J. S. BALLARD,

Committee."

After remarks by Elders W. O. Thornley, A. E. Sandlin, G. S. Raburn, R. S. Sheffield, Van Hill, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead

We find we have lost by death as follows:

Tombigbee—Brother McFiles and Sister Bettie Files.

Bethel—Dessie Nash, Olie Walton, M. S. A. Barnes.

Hopewell—Bro. W. E. Morse.

Unity—Sister Bertie Roper.

Oak Grove—Brother Edd Barber, Sister Emly Forbes, and Sister Charlie Mae Cayson.

Fellowship—W. A. Conner.

Liberty—Sisters Maggie Brown, Mollie Taylor, Bertha Parker, Frank Whitlock, Lee Boursh and Mary Bailly.

Cacy Creek—Sister L. R. Majors.

Ratliff—Sister Nancy Nichols and Sallie Farrar.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; henceforth they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. BARNETT
W. M. GILLENLINE
W. C. NICHOLS

After remarks by Elders A. E. Sandlin, W. O. Thornley, F. Hobson, G. S. Raburn, W. G. Gray, W. H. Leigh and R. S. Sheffield, the report was adopted.

On motion, the Association took a recess until one o'clock. Preaching by Elder F. Hobson; Text, 2nd verse of 4th chapter of Second Thessalonians.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together by singing. Prayer by Elder A. E. Sandlin.

Report of Committee on Music

The Bible teaches us to sing with the spirit and understanding. So as the origin is divine, we can not place too much importance on music. We find in Collossians 3:16, "To teach and admonish one another in spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

We believe that all leaders of church music should be upright Christians. We read in God's Word, "To sing praises to our King with understanding." No one but a Christian can do this, if song services are conducted properly. It often reaches the hearts of sinners and causes them to seek the Lord, as the Gospel can be carried in song. We should be very careful in the selection of songs to be used in our churches.

In Acts 16:25 we find that Paul and Silas sang praises to God. And we think according to God's Word we ought to heed the admonitions given us and use only sacred music in our churches and be taught only by Christian teachers.

A religion without music is a religion without love or life, and he that believes, prays and works for the Lord should be attuned with the songs of Zion.

Only once do we read of God's people hanging their harps upon the willows (Psalms 137:2) when they were taken captives and doubtless then with breaking hearts, they often took down their harps and sang with subdued melody, some of the songs of Zion.

There is only one place where there is no music, or there will be no music. That place is Hell. There will never be heard a note of joy or praise in that eternal abode of despair.

The church should always use songs that will cause the souls of people to vibrate with the love of God. To do this we should devote more attention to the study of music.

We are sorry to say that music is being neglected by the churches.

ELDER D. R. RAPER
J. C. HUBBARD
MISS ADA SAMPLES
MRS. W. G. GRAY

After remarks by Elders A. E. Sandlin, G. S. Raburn, W. O. Thornley and D. R. Raper, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

We believe in an educated ministry. If one does not know, how can he teach others? Since the special duty of preachers is to teach, they must be educated. We refer you to Matthew 28:19-20. In Sceond Timothy, 2:18, we find this, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE OWINGS
ELI BYNUM
J. R. McDONALD

Committee.

After remarks by Elders W. G. Gray, A. E. Sandlin, F. Hobson, the report was adopted.

The following committee was announced by the Moderator:

State of Religion—A. E. Sandlin, A. T. Bean, R. Houston.

Resolutions—J. C. Hubbard, J. M. Young, W. L. Barnett.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School work is the special teaching service in the church. It ought to be controlled by the church and all officers should be elected by the church in Conference.

Matthew 28:19-20 is all the Scripture needed to justify our claim. In the Sunday school is the place to do doctrinal teachnig. The Bible should be the main text book to be used. We recommend the Landmark Baptist Sunday School Literature as being sound and very helpful in the study of God's Word.

We urge all the church to make a great effort to establish good Sunday Schools in their church that the old as well as the young may be taught more of the doctrines of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER W. O. THORNLEY
H. S. FARRAR
CLAY JACKSON

Committee.

Report of General Superintendent of Sunday Schools

I, as most men, having a duty involved upon them, will try to render some reason for failing to discharge my whole duty.

I meant to have visited every church in the Association, but because of unfavorable weather conditions all through the Spring, I did not get to visit the churches at a distance. I have visited the following churches in the interest of Sunday Schools: Cacy Creek, Unity, Friendship, Oak Grove, Tombigbee, Ballardsville, and Hopewell. I addressed all those except one, and found all with good Sunday Schools except one and I succeeded in getting this church to organize a Sunday School.

I find that several of our church members will stay out of church on preaching days until Sunday School is over. They do not seem to realize that it is their duty to help religiously educate the children of those that desire them to be taught in Sunday School.

I don't think I have ever heard the importance of Sunday School work stressed any stronger than I have this year, from the pulpit.

God's servants are trying to elevate the people's minds from revelry and worldly things to the everlasting Gospel of our blessed Saviour.

There are several live Sunday Schools in the Association and I believe that there is much good being accomplished in this great work.

A good Sunday School will bring the brethren to a closer relationship with each other, and the young people will love each other better, who assemble themselves where they are protected by the laws of our country as well as being taught God's Word.

I was deprived of attending the Sunday School Convention. It was reported by all who attended as being a grand success, and a glad getting together.

Let us all put forth our strongest efforts to obtain some knowledge of the Bible, the all sufficient rule of faith and practice. The end to be sought in this good work is the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the church.

We should see to it that as many attend Sunday School as possible, but "number" should not be our object. The central figure should be Christ.

Let us all pray that there will not be a single church in this Association next year without a good Sunday School.

The next Sunday School Convention will meet with the Unity Church, the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in July 1924.

H. S. FARRAR.

After remarks by Elders G. S. Rayburn, Van Hill, M. D. Seago, W. O. Thornley, A. E. Sandlin and W. H. Leigh, the reports were adopted.

By motion the Association recommended a change in the Articles of Agreement so that the Word Messenger or Messengers should be used instead of the word Delegate or Delegates. Also that Article four be amended so as to allow five messengers for each church.

The Association adjourned until 8:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

Preaching at night by Elder M. D. Seago; Text, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Note—A majority of the churches voted to amend the Articles of Agreement so as to allow five messengers and that the word "Delegate" be changed.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association came together according to adjournment. Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder M. D. Seago. Minutes of Wednesday read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions

We believe Associational Missions to be very important. We have improved some in the last few years but there are many destitute places yet. The call is loud.

There is a large territory east of the river that should be worked by all means and there is a territory north of us that is begging for the Gospel to be preached among them. We recommend that a suitable man be put on the field for his full time and be supported by the churches.

ELDER S. S. RABURN

B. A. JOHNSON

B. C. MAGERS

MRS. J. C. HUBBARD

G. A. McKISSIACK

After remarks by Elders W. O. Thornley, A. E. Sandlin, W. G. Gray, D. R. Raper, Van Hill and Brethren G. W. Ballard, L. E. Skinner, the report was adopted.

Report of Associational Missionary

Brethren: Since the last session of the Association, I have done some mission work. I have preached at the following places: Walnut Grove, Lee County, five times; Mt. Pleasant twice; Mt. Zion twice, Itawamba County;

Forked Oak and Sardis, sixteen times, Tishomingo County; Burdette, in Arkansas, sixteen times; Oakland school once and Bethany once.

I have travelled seven hundred and twenty-four miles. Received on the field about seventy-five dollars. My railroad expenses were fifteen dollars. Brethren, I regret that I have not had opportunity to do more. The need is so great.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. RABURN.

Report of Committee on Missions

The lost should be saved through the Lord Jesus Christ, was the eternal purpose of God. Ephesians 1:4-5, "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, having predestinated us into the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will."

Through a knowledge of God's Word, men are led to Christ. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.—Romans 10:17.

The Apostle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth."

Romans 1:16—It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1st Cor. 1:21.

The institution to which this work was committed is the church.

After Jesus had set up his church and after the membership had increased to about 120, and just before He ascended to the Father, He commanded the church to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

While they tarried in Jerusalem at His command they were endued with power from on high and so went forth to do His biddings.

Since the church is composed of human beings, God uses human instrumentality in carrying on this great work and so the responsibility has come down to us.

Inasmuch as God has said, "My Word shall not return to me void, and your labor is not in vain in the Lord." And too, He said, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

There is no good reason why any one of his children should neglect, much less refuse to enter into the work.

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already unto harvest and he that reaps receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life everlasting. Speak

unto the children of Israel that they go forward.

ELDER F. HOBSON
ELDER D. R. RAPER
M. M. GRAY

Committee.

After remarks by Elder W. O. Thornley, and W. G. Gray, the reports were adopted.

Report of Committee on Church Discipline.

We believe that it is the duty of the church to discipline its members. We also believe that the authority to discipline is invested in the church alone and that the Scriptures teach strict discipline of its members.

We find this: Withdraw yourself from every one that walketh disorderly. Mark them that cause divisions among you and may other things that lead us to believe that God wants His church in decency and in order.

We recommend that the churches of the Judson Association do all they can to discipline their members. Just as the Bible tells them, so the light of the church will shine.

ELDER A. E. SANDLIN
H. D. HODGES
ELI BYNUM

Committee.

After remarks by Elders W. O. Thornley, G. S. Rabburn, W. G. Gray, and Bro. W. H. Leigh, the report was adopted.

The Association adjourned until one o'clock, for preaching.

Elder Van Hill preached an able sermon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together by singing.

The Baptist Church at Mantachie was selected for the next session of the Association and Elder D. R. Raper to preach the introductory sermon with Elder F. Hobson, alternate.

Report of Committee on Publications.

We recommend first, the Bible, for it is the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

The Bible is the way of God and God is truth. Therefore it is true because it is the Word of God. God is love, and the Bible reveals God's love to man.

We think there are many other publications that are

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helpful, such as the Landmrak Sunday School literature, the Baptist and Commoner and others too numerous to mention.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER F. HOBSON

A. E. HILLIARD

H. D. WOODLEY

Committee.

Report of Committee on Orphanage

It is the duty of the church to care for the widows and orphans. In James 2:27, we find that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and keep himself unspotted from the world.

Since pure and undefiled religion consists in visiting the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, we certainly think it the duty of the church to see that the orphan children receive the training which will improve the mind and at the same time lead their souls to Christ.

We suggest that orphan children be cared for first in good Christian homes if possible. If not possible to have them cared for in the homes, that means be provided to take care of them in our Baptist Orphanage where they may be given a Christian education and that the poor orphans may have the same opportunity for Salvation of their souls, as those who have good Christian parents.

R. S. SHEFFIELD

W. D. THORNLEY

W. H. LEIGH

Committee.

Report of Committee on Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning.

We as Baptists, believe that every child should have an opportunity of obtaining a literary education.

We believe that every parent should make every effort possible for the education of his children, not only of his own, but for others. In order to do this, it is well for us to furnish good accommodations, employ good teachers who have the interest of the children at heart, both spiritually and mentally.

We believe in giving our children an opportunity of a higher education, but we must be very careful about the higher institutions because many of them teach erroneous

ideas contrary to the Bible.

We recommend Sherdin College for our boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. RABURN

W. M. GILLENLINE

Committee.

The above report was adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

After studying the letters that were given by the churches of the Judson Association and after having received information from members who have done mission work in the Association find that the state of Religion has improved, yet it is not up to what it should be.

Brethren, we should make great efforts to help the weak places that they may be strengthened and that the state of Religion may improve more rapidly in the Judson Association.

G. W. BALLARD

A. E. SANDLIN

H. D. WOODLEY

Committee.

The above report was adopted.

By motion the Association endorsed Elder F. Hobson as a missionary.

By motion Brother Huley Farrar was endorsed as General Sunday School Superintendent of the Association.

By motion Brother Jim Williams was endorsed as a worker in sacred music.

Treasurer's Report.

Minutes	\$45.33
Associational Missions	33.32
Foreign Missions	8.00
TOTAL	\$86.65

By motion the Clerk was allowed \$8.00 for his work.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

That the Association offer its heartfelt thanks to the Fellowship Church and community for the hospitality shown

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the messengers and the visiting members of the Association.

J. C. HUBBARD

J. M. YOUNG

W. L. BARRETT

Committee.

The above report was adopted.

A song was sung and the parting hand was given, during which many were made happy.

Thus ended the 71st Session of the Judson Baptist Association.

ELDER W. G. GRAY, Moderator.
J. C. RAPER, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

We, the United Baptist Church, in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw, and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of all Associations, according to the following plan:

ART. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of white male and female members; time of meeting; number of Baptists received by letter; restored, dismissed by letter; excluded; died since last Association; the name of pastor and postoffice.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union, but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from any of the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our abstract.)

ART. 4. Every church in our Union may be entitled to five messengers; should any neglect to present herself, she shall state the reason in her next letter to the Association.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted to this body, who petition by letter and messengers. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

ART. 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum of their own adoption.

ART. 7. This Association shall elect a Moderator annually from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions brought before it. Also, a Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

ART. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the

same, and which shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their messengers which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, elected by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him as Treasurer.

ART. 10. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ART. 11. The Association shall correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session; also time and place for next Association.

ART. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union only when established by a sister church.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches comprising this body.

ART. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe that the Scriptures teach there is but one living and true God, that these three persons in this one God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, and this triune God is the only object of all religious worship, and idolatry is an abomination in His sight.

3. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence all his posterity are involved in the consequences of his fall.

4. We believe that man by nature has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and that unless God Himself had provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have sinned.

5. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of his Son; that this way of salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7. We believe Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness before God.

8. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the gospel plain and acceptable to him.

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all them that believe.

10. We believe that all who are called the saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally

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saved.

1. We believe that Christ's churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change in heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man or number of men distinct from the body, but that it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week called the Lord's Day, is sanctified and set apart for the worship of God and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting; trifling conversation of labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God, as He in His providence, may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His churches, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. That Baptism is the emersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but regularly ordained ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

ART. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 10. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be reprovved by the Moderator, but only the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deems it necessary.

CHURCHES	Sunday School Expenses	Pastors Salary	Visiting Ministers	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minutes and Clerk	Value of Church Property	Incidentals	Sustentation	Orphanage	PASTORS	Membership	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Restored	Erased
1 Ballardsville		\$150.00		\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	2.00	300.00	125.00			Van B. Hill	110	9	1				
2 Bethel		87.50		1.80		3.43					J. T. Robins	253	15	2	3	1		
3 Cacy Creek		50.00	5.00			2.90					D. R. Raper	73	4		12	1		
4 Evergreen						2.75					W. G. Gray							
5 Friendship	6.00	127.50		7.02		4.00	1600.00				Van B. Hill	102	7	4	4	1	2	48
6 Fellowship		100.00	9.00	3.00		3.15					L. D. Roberts	179	15	1	1	1		
7 Hopewell	16.32	138.75	37.60	11.00		4.35	1500.00	5.45	35.20		W. G. Gray	274	4	1	1	1	2	
8 Liberty						2.45	500.00				W. C. Ballard	139	1	2	2	6		
9 Mantachie	16.00	100.00	5.00			2.50	1200.00			2.75	W. O. Thornley	104	3	5	2			
10 Mt. Gilthead		140.01	38.53	11.81		1.25	800.00				Van B. Hill	72	2	3				
11 Mt. Joy		206.50	40.00	7.08		2.30	1500.00				G. S. Raburn	43	1					
12 Mt. Vernon						2.80	1000.00				J. M. Scott		1	3	3			
13 Oak Grove	9.64	125.00	23.46			4.00		3.97			W. O. Thornley	180	1	4	5	1		
14 Providence		125.00				2.00		1.25			W. O. Thornley	47	4	1	1	2		
15 Ratliff	6.00	100.00	41.20		12.50						G. S. Raburn	61	4	1	1			
16 Sandy Springs		18.20	7.15	.50		1.40					D. D. Dulaney	153	4	1	1			
17 Shiloh	3.00		44.25	13.00	3.00	2.25					G. S. Raburn	112	2	2	2	3	1	
18 Tombigbee	6.35	56.00	13.00	1.95		2.75	300.00	37.50			W. G. Gray	94	3	1	1			
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The above report was adopted. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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